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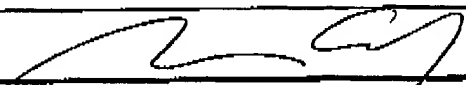
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Remarks

Applicants would like to thank Supervisory Examiner Gary Jones for his courtesy in discussing this application and agreeing to review this submission. An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this response. The references submitted herewith were cited by the International Searching Authority in a related PCT application, now abandoned.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 7 and 25 herein to permit the application to issue at this time and reserve the right to continue prosecution of the canceled subject matter in a later-filed continuation application. Claim 17 was amended to add the word "of," which corrects the grammar of the claim. No new matter is inserted. Claim 13 was amended to eliminate dependency on a canceled claim.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider the application as amended herein in light of the cited references and permit the amended application to proceed to issue.

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